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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR ADAMS SAYS STORY REPORTED CAIRO 1300 ACTUALLY BEGAN WHEN HE RELAYED TO FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY KHALIL (IN ZAYYAT' S ABSENCE) HMG FORMAL DENIAL OF MAARIV STORY THAT RAF HAD OVERFLOWN EGYPT AND SPOTTED MIRAGES AT TANTA. NEXT DAY ZAYYAT REFLECTING SADAT' S PREOCCUPATION WITH THE CANARD, HAD SUMMONED ADAMS TO FONOFF TO HEAR FOR HIMSELF THAT RAF HAD DONE NO SUCH THING.

2. DURING THIS CONVERSATION, ADAMS ASKED ZAYYAT ABOUT GOE PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING SC MEETING AND GOT STANDARD REPLY-- PLANS ARE IN THE MAKING, IT IS PRE-MATURE TO DISCUSS THEM.

3. ADAMS WENT FROM ZAYYAT' S OFFICE TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON NEW MIN CULTURE SIBAI; AMONG THOSE PRESENT WAS YOUNG LADY CUB REPORTER FOR MEN, WHO ASKED ABOUT ADAMS' TALK WITH ZAYYAT. ADAMS DEFERRED TO ZAYYAT
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TO COMMENT, BUT WHEN PRESSED WHETHER UNSC MEETING HAD COME UP, SAID SOMETHING ALONG LINES OF EXPECTING THERE WOULD BE BRITISH- EGYPTIAN CONSULTATION.

4. FIRST HE HEARD OF SUBSEQUENT MEN STORY THAT HE HAD ASSURED ZAYYAT OF UK COLLABORATION WAS WHEN REUTER CORRESPONDENT TELEPHONED TO ASK ABOUT IT. ADAMS DUCKED, AND CABLED FCO THAT HE DIDN' T DO IT.

5. I GATHER HE PLANS TO AVOID MEN CUB REPORTERS FROM NOW ON.
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SECRET NEW ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP MERELY MASKS BARGAINING ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES FROM EEC IN EXCHANGE FOR MILITARY SECURITY (US FORCES IN EUROPE), THESE ASPECTS ARE CLEARLY OF LESSER INTEREST TO ROMANIANS THAN UNDERLYING UNCERTAINTY EXPRESSED BY WRITER THAT SOMEHOW NEW ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP MIGHT CAUSE BOTH GREATER POLARIZATION AND SET- BACK IN EAST- WEST DETENTE BY CONSOLIDATING WESTERN BLOC AND THEREBY INCREASING PRESSURES FOR CONFORMITY IN EASTERN EUROPE AS WELL. THUS, ARTICLE ENDS ON NOTE CALLING FOR NEW EUROPEAN SYSTEM BASED ON EQUALITY OF ALL STATES: " PUBLIC OPINION ON OUR CONTINENT HOPES THAT 1973 WILL PROVE TO BE A YEAR TO PROGRESS, WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED STATES IN CONDITIONS OF EQUALITY, TOWARD GENERAL EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION."

4. DURING RECENT CALL ON MFA DIRECTORATE III ACTING DIRECTOR MIHAI (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) ON OTHER MATTERS, MAIHAI ASKED DCM WHAT US ENVISIONED BY NEW ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP IN CONCRETE TERMS. DCM REVIEWED MAIN ELEMENTS OF KISSINGER SPEECH AND STRESSED THAT US HAD NO PRECONCEIVED MODEL IN MIND BUT THAT KISSINGER HAD APPEALED TO OUR WESTERN ALLIES AND JAPAN FOR CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS. WE HAD IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT MIHAI DID NOT HAVE ANY DELIBERATE PURPOSE IN POSING QUESTIONS ON KISSINGER' S SPEECH.

5. ALTHOUGH ROMANIAN MEDIA HAVE TREATED SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT AND KISSINGER SPEECH, WE ARE AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH' S APRIL 4 NAVAL ACADEMY SPEECH ON US POLICY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN TOTALLY IGNORED BY ROMANIAN PRESS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CLEAR EXPRESSION OF NIEWS ON RUSH SPEECH FROM OUR CONTACTS. SCINTEIA WRITER FOR ENGLISH- SPEAKING WORLD (RODESCU) PROBABLY COME CLOSEST TO COMMITTING HIMSELF IN PRIVATE REMARKS THAT SPEECH WAS " INTERESTING" AND " BEING STUDIED," THAT IT HAD " MANY POSITIVE ELEMENTS" FROM GOR VIEWPOINT BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO CONTAINED ELEMENTS THAT MADE GOR UNEASY. COMMENT:
ROMANIANS ARE UNDOBTEDLY CONCERNED THAT SHIFTING FOCUS OF
EAST- WEST DETENTE TOWARD USSR AND ITS MORE OBEDIENT ALLIES
MAY SOMEHOW REFLECT ADVERSELY ON ROMANIAN INTERESTS. THEY
PROBABLY REALIZE OPPORTUNITIES INHERENT IN THIS PROCESS BUT,
GIVEN THEIR MODEST ABILITY TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS, THEIR
FEARS OF THE UNKNOWN FUTURE WEIGH HEAVY.
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